

## OBITUARY

### ELIZABETH MARY WATSON

Elizabeth Mary Watson, well known and respected old time resident of the Irma district, passed away at her home at Burnaby, B.C. on February 9th, 1949. Mrs. Watson was in her 78th year and was the wife of Mr. John Watson, first pioneer farmer of the Irma district. Mrs. Watson, who came originally from Ireland, spent many years here and was known to everyone for her kindness and hospitality. She is survived by her loving husband at Burnaby, her brother William of Edmonton, two sisters, Mrs. S. Cameron and Miss E. Jenkins of Edmonton and three sisters in Ballymena, Ireland, also one niece, Christina of Edmonton. Funeral services were held Saturday, February 12th from the Royal Oak Funeral Chapel at Burnaby with the Rev. G. Bruce Ridland officiating. Interment took place at Ocean View Burial Park. Floral tributes were received from the following: Ella and Jim Auld; Winnie and Chapman; The Hayes Family; McLean Family; Mrs. Elliott and family; The W.A. of Dundonald Church; Mrs. Ferris and Mrs. McMaster; Mrs. and Mrs. Conney; Mr. and Mrs. T. Smith; Mr. and Mrs. Frampton; Mr. and Mrs. Shotts; Mr. and Mrs. New; Mr. and Mrs. Burton; Mr. and Mrs. Robertson; Mr. and Mrs. Carrington; Mr. and Mrs. Foxwell.

Donations to Wood's Home in memory of Mrs. Watson from W. Jenkins; Mrs. S. Cameron; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Lick.

Donations to the Women's Missionary Society; Mabel and Charlie Holt; Mr. and Mrs. Keith Coffin and family; Winnie Reeves.

Donations to the Protestant Home for Children by: Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Archibald; Mr. and Mrs. Herb Larson.

### MRS. FRANK PETERSON

Mrs. Frank Peterson, old time resident of the Carstairs and Wainwright districts, passed away on Wednesday, February 16th in Wainwright hospital at the age of 91 years.

Mrs. Peterson was born in Lucast, Iowa, U.S.A. on September 30th, 1857 and was married in 1878 to Frank Peterson at Charlton, Iowa.

In 1903, the Peterson family came to Alberta and homesteaded 18 miles east of Carstairs, moving to Irma in 1919 where they continued to live until Mr. Peterson's death in 1935. For the remaining 14 years of her life, Mrs. Peterson resided with her daughter, Mrs. H. Bouck of Heath.

Mrs. Peterson was a tireless worker and found her greatest happiness in taking care of her family and in helping others.

She was a member of the Irma United Church and was keenly interested in missionary work and helped with the support of Gospel broadcasts.

While at Irma, Mr. and Mrs. Peterson worked together at the Perennial Gardens and it would be safe to say that practically every garden in Irma and many in the surrounding districts are lovelier today because of the many beautiful flowers and shrubs introduced by Mr. and Mrs. Peterson.

Mrs. Peterson leaves to mourn her three sons, Charles of Hanford Cal., Vernon of Victoria, B.C. and Howard of Edmonton, also one daughter, Mrs. H. Bouck (Edith) of Heath, Alta. 24 grand children, 60 great grandchildren and many other relatives and friends. Her husband and 5 children preceded her. She is also survived by three brothers and two sisters in Iowa.

Funeral services were held from the Irma United Church on Monday, February 21st with the Rev. H. W. Inglis officiating.

Four ladies of the Irma choir sang "There's a Land that is Fairer than Day" and Mrs. J. T. Hughes of Heath soloed "Will the Circle be Unbroken."

Interment was made in the Irma cemetery.

Floral tributes and donations were as follows: Charles and Gertrude, Howard and Ida, Vernon, Harry and Edith, Burt, Jennie, Ellow, Burt, Stalton, Jean and Mary, Raymond and Gertie, Elsie and Harry, Fern and Peter, Mary

## Ratepayers' Meeting Held February 14

A meeting of the ratepayers in the Irma Municipal Hospital District No. 55, was held in Hedley's hall on February 14th.

Mr. W. Masson and Mr. A. C. Charter were nominated to act as chairman and secretary respectively for this meeting.

Minutes of the last annual meeting were presented and adopted.

The Chairman of the Hospital Board gave a resume of the work of the Board during 1948.

The Secretary's report was then given outlining the financial position of the District.

The following resolution was made and carried by this meeting.

That ratepayers be allowed to obtain hospitalization at other hospitals other than those hospitals having contracts with the Irma Hospital Board.

And that on presentation of their receipt accounts to the Board, ratepayers be allowed a rebate on their account to the same amount as would be charged by the Board by hospitals having contracts with the Board for hospitalization of the ratepayers in the Irma Municipal Hospital District.

The annual meeting of the ratepayers of the Village of Irma was held in Hedley's Hall at 8 p.m. on February 14th.

This meeting was well attended and good interest was shown in the proceedings.

The secretary's report showed the financial condition of the village to be in excellent shape.

A number of constructive resolutions were made at this meeting such as—

That the Council considers the possibility of removing the town pump to a more suitable location.

That the risk pump shack be remodelled and a brick chimney be installed to remove fire hazard.

There was also discussion re constructing of sidewalk of cinders flanked with retaining concrete curbs.

Votes of thanks were tendered to Mr. A. C. Charter, Secretary, Treasurer, for his services during the past year.

To Mr. V. Hutchinson, the retiring Councilor, and to the Village Council as a whole.

Mr. W. N. Frickleton has since been elected as the new member of the Village Council.

and Armand; Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull, Ruby and Sid; Vernon, Doris and Don; Mr. and Mrs. M. B. McLeod and Mr. and Mrs. Holt; Tom, Margaret Withnell and family; Borgal and girls; Mr. and Mrs. Harley and Mason; Mr. and Mrs. W. Spitzer; Wainwright Gospel Mission.

Donations to Cancer Fund by Mr. and Mrs. R. Jones; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Murray; Mr. and Mrs. John Mansfield; Mr. and Mrs. A. Patterson; Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Ford and Norman; Pete and Margaret Spady; Morton, Jean and boys.

Donations to Canadian Sunday School Mission, Three Hills, Alta. by: Mr. and Mrs. E. Knott; Bert and Bernice; Mr. D. Buhler.

Donations to Heaven and Home Hour by: Reg. Hagel and family; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hughes and family; Mr. and Mrs. E. Wiley.

Donation to Two Rivers Bible Institute, Carlea, Sask. by: Mr. and Mrs. Bowly and family; Edgeron.

Donations to Irma United Church by: Mr. A. H. Locke; Mr. N. L. Fuder; Mr. W. E. Walker; Mr. and Mrs. J. Fenton; Miss Plewelling and Mrs. Tate; Mr. and Mrs. M. Enger; Mr. and Mrs. Martin Knudson; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Knudson; Mr. and Mrs. J. Ostadi; Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Johnson; Irma Ladies Aid; Mr. and Mrs. J. Craig and family; Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Kirkman; Mr. and Mrs. E. Tomlinson; Mrs. Janet McCartney and Edwin and Helen.

Donations to the Protestant Home for Children by: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gulbraa; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Larson; Mrs. J. A. Hedley; Mrs. and Mrs. H. Archibald; Mrs. I. C. Knudson.

Donations to the Women's Missionary Society by: Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hurst.

## Northern Nuggets

Miss Dickie Rohrer was a week end visitor at the home of Irene Larson.

Miss Jean Cockroft and Clara-Lou Larson were Edmonton visitors this past week-end. They were some of the fortunate ones that were able to see the Ice Cycles of 1949 and they report that it was very enjoyable.

Mrs. Leigh Currie is in Edmonton at the present time visiting with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cox and their daughter, Patsy.

Mr. R. C. Johnson was the lucky winner of a radio at a raffle held in Mannville recently, sponsored by the Ladies' Curling Club. Congratulations!

There will be a Social Evening and dance at Albert school on March 4th. Everybody welcome.

The annual Mixed Bonspiel of the Irma Curling Club is now in full swing. No wonder the enthusiasm at thisspiel is exceptionally high. There are cars and trucks offered for prizes. If you don't believe us just go and take a look in the window of the Irma Hardware. And these choice vehicles are not by any means the top prizes either—in fact Hardluck Competition is printed above them. Go one better than that, Nipawin!

The following is a list of the competing rinks.

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S. Brown, Miss Murphy, J. McKay, M. Eager.

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W. Frickleton, Mrs. Fischer, G. Fischer, E. Hustad.

W. Lawson, Miss Eager, J. Bars, L. Barsa.

N. MacMillan, Mrs. Pond, S. Hlynka, W. Enger.

H. Riley, Mrs. Darks, R. Johnson, C. Savard.

R. Kirkman, Miss Reeves, G. Coulman, J. Ostadi.

A. McClure, Mrs. Sather, E. Lukens, H. Larson.

I. Hardy, Mrs. Clumstad, S. Fenton, D. Hockett.

E. Jones, Mrs. Smallwood, H. Tomlinson, F. Clumstad.

V. Sampson, Mrs. Hines, C. Anquist, C. Lukens.

C. Smallwood, Mrs. Torrance, R. Burton, G. Gulbraa.

I. Torrance, Mrs. Archibald, S. Knowles, C. Barber.

M. Knudson, Mrs. Fenton, R. Taylor, H. Fuder.

D. McRoberts, Mrs. Milne, A. Firkus, C. Firkus.

J. MacKay, Mrs. Anquist, R. Ramsay, A. Larson.

M. Younker, F. Younker, C. Younker, A. Cook.

I. S. Reeds, Mrs. Taylor, D. Simmermon, C. Pyle.

C. Milne, Miss C. Milne, R. McFarland, Jr., P. Jones.

K. Coffin, Mrs. McFarland, L. Currie, R. Currie.

At the Churches

IRMA GOSPEL MISSION

Feb. 25th—Y.P.'s meeting.

Sunday, February 27th

10:45 a.m.—S. School and Bible Class.

11:45—Morning Worship.

Thursday, March 3rd

Prayer Meeting.

We welcome you to our services, come and bring a friend.

"The Lord is my helper." Heb. 13:6. "So I am with you always." Matt. 28:20.

UNITED CHURCH

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11 a.m.—Strawberry Plains.

2 p.m.—Albert.

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7:30 p.m.—Irma Worship Service.

Text: John 6:35.

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Sunday, March 6th.

The Young People's Service is in charge of the service in Irma.

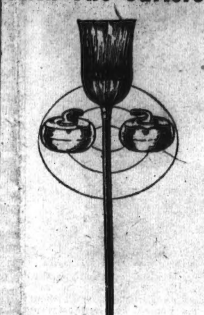
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M. Younker, F. Younker, C. Younker, A. Cook.

I. S. Reeds, Mrs. Taylor, D. Simmermon, C. Pyle.

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## Miss Jack, Missionary from China, Addresses Wainwright W.M.S.

The Wainwright Presbyterian of the Women's Missionary Society met in the Irma United church on February 16th.

A nice representation of ladies from Ryley, Holden, Tofield and Wainwright met together with the members and friends of the Irma branch and a thoroughly enjoyable day was spent.

There was much of interest and enjoyment but space does not permit the details of the various reports, the devotionals, the election of officers and delicious dinner and tea served in the church basement.

The highlight of this gathering was undoubtedly the splendid address given by Miss Florence Jack, returned Missionary who had served 34 years in the China Mission field. Miss Jack is a frail, worn little lady but when she arose to speak she surprised all present with a radiant and charming personality. Many remarked that they had never heard a better speaker nor one who had a more vital message.

Miss Jack told of the work in the girls' school at Chinking and of the work of the Mission Press at Chingtu. She told of the wonderful progress made in many branches of Christian effort. Perhaps her finest illustration was the story of

a family of three children whose mother was mentally deranged and whose father was an opium addict. These unfortunate youngsters were brought to the missionaries at Chinking. With Christian patience and love these children were taught and cared for until all three were able to take their places as happy useful workers for the Kingdom of God.

The Chinese embroideries which Miss Jack had on display had to be seen to be believed. Not only was the workmanship exquisite but the designs and shadings of color were works of art in themselves. Our western civilization with all its gadgets and streamlined efficiency produces nothing that is in any way comparable.

But the heart of Miss Jack's message contained the matter that is nearest to us all—World Peace. The vital fact remains that the Gospel of Christ is the Gospel of Peace and in no way can we better promote world peace than in doing all we can to increase our Missionary effort. The Irma W.M.S. have pledged itself to a higher money allocation than ever, this year, owing to the urgent need in mission fields. Any friends who can help the W.M.S. by material gifts, etc., will find their gifts greatly appreciated.

## W.I. Program For 1949

The first name is the place of meeting, the second the person responsible for the program, the third the raffle and the remainder of the names the hostesses.

March

Mrs. McFarland; Mrs. Stewart; Mrs. Fisher; Mrs. Rohrer; Mrs. Zoot. Roll Call—"An Irish Joke."

April

Mrs. Hlynka; Mrs. Gunn; Mrs. Rohrer; Mrs. Fischer and Mrs. Barber. Roll Call—"My Favorite Radio programme."

May

Mrs. Zoot; Mrs. Glasgow; Mrs. Fischer; Mrs. Anquist and Mrs. Hlynka. Roll Call—"My Mother's Outstanding Characteristics."

June

Mrs. Anquist; Mrs. Scott; Mrs. Glasgow; Mrs. Allen and Mrs. V. Larson. Roll Call—"How We Could Improve our Institute."

July

Mrs. R. Larson, Program Committee, no raffle; Mrs. W. Rae, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Stockton, Mrs. Long. Roll Call—"Why I Like Being a Grandmother or Mother."

August

Mrs. E. Prosser; Mrs. McClure, Mrs. Kirkman; Mrs. Hagen and Mrs. Taylor. Roll Call—"Month I Like Best and Why."

September

Mrs. Gunn; Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Gunn; Mrs. Gunn and Mrs. McFarland. Roll Call—"My Wedding Anniversary."

October

Mrs. Long, Mrs. Stockton, Mrs. Long, Mrs. Kirkman and Mrs. McClure. Roll Call—"Three Times the Length of Your Foot in Pennies."

November

Mrs. Glasgow; Mrs. Targett; Mrs. McClure; Mrs. E. Rae and Mrs. R. Larson. Roll Call—"Pet Annoyance."

December

Mrs. Rohrer. Election of Officers. Mrs. Taylor; Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Targett.

At two meetings during the year we will have more than two hostesses. These times will be "Grandmother's Day" in July and the Annual meeting in December.

ABUNDANCE OF FISH

Fishing operations so far this season have revealed that Great Slave Lake is potentially one of the largest, if not the largest, winter producer of whitefish and trout in North America. H. V. Dempsey of Ottawa, chief supervisor of fisheries for the federal government said,

## News Items From Kinsella District

Kinsella friends of Mr. Bert Carpenter, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Carpenter, will be glad to hear he was successful in passing his intermediate exam for Chartered Accountant. He is employed by McDonald and Currie chartered accountants of Toronto.

Mr. John Mollier spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. P. Mollier.

Mrs. R. Loney has been spending a few days in Edmonton and Alis. While in Edmonton, Mrs. Loney attended the ice carnival.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Simmons and Jack were also recent visitors to the city.

Mrs. C. Smogard of Edmonton was the guest of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. Simmons, during the weekend.

The Women's Institute will meet on Saturday, February 26th in the United Church at 3 p.m.

The Kinsella Women's Institute will sponsor a St. Patrick's Dance to be held in the Memorial Hall on Friday, March 11th. Music by the Irma Bandettes.

A whist drive will be held in the Kinsella school, sponsored by the Students' Union on Wednesday February 23rd.

The annual meeting of the Flagstaff Municipality was held in Sedgewick Town hall on Saturday, February 19th. Mr. Trenton and J. F. Murray were nominated as prospective councillors for the ensuing term of office for Division 5. The election is to be held some time in March.

W.I. MEET MARCH 3rd

The March meeting of the Irma Women's Institute will be held at Mrs. McFarland's on March 3rd. Mrs. Stewart will have charge of the programme, Mrs. Prosser the raffle, hostesses Mrs. Rohrer and Mrs. Zoot.

Roll call—An Irish Joke.

Project—Layette Articles. Good used clothing is also requested.

RECEIVE WORD OF SISTER'S DEATH

Mrs. Angus MacRae, Port Arthur, Ont., who has visited Edmonton on several occasions, died at her home Tuesday according to word received by two sisters in Edmonton, Mrs. R. Smalley and Mrs. J. H. McMahon.

Also surviving are three other sisters, Mrs. M. McMillan, of Irma, Mrs. L. Telford in the United States and Mrs. S. Lammie, a missionary in the Philippines, and a brother, W. J. Fraser at Prince George B.C.



## Progress In Research

BEHIND MUCH OF THE PROGRESS which is being made today in industry, agriculture and medicine lies the work of the research scientist. Most great industrial organizations now rely upon research for the continuous improvement of their products necessary to meet the demands of the present-day market. Farmers are familiar with the benefits which agricultural research has given to them in regard to grain crops, livestock, soil and moisture conservation, and many other matters important to their work. Research is likewise essential to progress in medicine, which, in turn, is so important to the welfare of the entire nation. The work of Canadian scientists has contributed a great deal to the development which has taken place here since 1939, and during that time the amount of money spent for research and the number of scientists engaged in it, have increased greatly.

### Carry On Wide Range Of Work

Canada's National Research Council, with headquarters in Ottawa, and regional laboratories in other parts of the Dominion, carries on research work on many problems of importance to this country. A report, issued at the end of the past year, gave some interesting facts concerning the activities of this organization. It showed that there are now 2,600 workers engaged in research on a wide range of subjects, extending from atomic energy to radar. One interesting project mentioned in the report tells of the development of a new method to recover oil from the Athabasca tar sand deposits in Alberta. It is also reported that recently special equipment has been designed for the detection of radioactive materials, which will be of use to prospectors. Mention is also made of the success of work being carried on at the Atomic Energy plant at Chalk River, Ontario.

### Keeping Pace With Others

Reference was made to the establishment of the Prairie Regional Laboratories in Saskatoon, where scientists are working on problems related to agriculture and industries of the prairie provinces. It was announced that shortly a similar laboratory will be established for the benefit of those living in the Maritimes. Other interesting information concerning the progress of work carried on by the National Research Council is contained in the report, which showed that Canada is alive to the importance of research in furthering the development of the nation and that we are keeping pace with other countries in this increasingly essential form of enterprise.

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### Canada To Receive Top Coal Priority

CARDIFF, Wales.—Welsh coal exporters have been advised Canada is to receive top priority in shipments of anthracite this year.

Exports in 1948 totalled 160,000 tons which is hoped to ship 300,000 tons which should return almost £1,000,000.

### 125,414 IMMIGRANTS REACH CANADA DURING 1948

OTTAWA.—Resource Minister MacKinnon said in the Commons that 125,414 immigrants reached Canada during 1948. Mr. MacKinnon said the figure was almost twice as large as that for 1947 when 64,127 immigrants reached this country. Of the 125,414 immigrants, 46,057 came from the British Isles and 7,381 from the United States.



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### Child Killed By Pack Of Huskies



Margery Setilla, of God's Lake, Man., was torn to pieces by a pack of huskies as she played with them outside her home. The huskies were owned by Tom Rumanski, free trader, for whom Margery's father works. According to her parents, Margery was friendly with the animals and played with them often. Rumanski shot each of the dogs immediately after the girl's body was found. Andy LeGuelle, northern bush pilot, said the family heard the dogs fighting outside the house, went out and found them over the remains of the child's body which was mostly consumed. Above is a typical husky dog.—S.N.S. photo.

## FUNNY And OTHERWISE

"There is only one thing wrong with this canoe," said the soldier to the sweet young thing on the river.

"And what is that?" she asked.

"Well," he replied, "if I try to kiss you in this, it might capsize."

The girl sat silent for a few minutes. Then she remarked, "I can swim."

Father: "So you love my daughter?"

Son: "Love her? Why I would die for her. For one soft glance from her sweet eyes I would hurl myself off a lofty cliff glad of the chance to sacrifice myself in her name."

Father: "Well I forbid the myself one is enough in a small family like ours."

And then there was the bride who, when asked if she took this man for better or for worse, answered: "I can't tell until I've had him for a while."

Prison Visitor: "So you're here for seven years. What's the charge?"

Convict: "Lumme, guv'nor, there ain't no charge. Everything's free 'ere."

Cub Reporter—"What shall I say about the two blondes who made such a fuss at the game?"

Sports Editor—"Why, just say 'the bleachers went wild'."

Two men were discussing a mutual acquaintance.

"Nice fellow," said one, "but have you noticed how he always lets his friends pick up the dinner bill?"

"Yes," replied the other. "He has a terrible impediment in his speech."

A miner, the owner of several whippets, matched one of his animals to run against another dog in the district for a \$100 wager. The day before the race everyone was surprised to hear that one of the competitors had accepted a \$25 note from the other and allowed the match to be declared off.

"You're the biggest fool under the sun," exclaimed a supporter to the recipient of the note. "The other dog's so lame that it can't run fast enough to beat a dustcart."

"That's all right," said the owner; "my dog died suddenly."

Oculist (handling sight testing card).

"I want you to read this, please." Old Lady: "Would you be so kind as to read it for me. My sight is not very good."

A knock came at the lady's door. A small visitor was outside. "May I come into your house and play?" came the question. "Mother says I am too noisy to play at home."

The cost of living is so high that two burglars in a clothing store one night were shocked. As one read the \$25 tag on a suit of clothes he turned to his partner and said, "Jack, look at the cost of this suit. It's downright robbery, ain't it?"

### Helicopter Eased Job Of Mapping B.C. Mountains

OTTAWA.—A test project undertaken in British Columbia last summer with a helicopter may take the back-breaking toil out of mapping mountainous regions, the Canadian Institute of Surveying was told.

A. G. Slocumb of Victoria, chief of the topographic division of the B.C. Lands and Forests Department, discussed the use of the helicopter in mapping.

The project was undertaken near Chilliwack last August, with a helicopter and a survey party of nine men.

"Besides eliminating the arduous work of moving into position, climbing and setting up the theodolite, the helicopter made it possible to photograph and observe during the best hours of the day, a condition which may be missed when climbing on foot," Mr. Slocumb said.

### SURVEY POSSIBILITIES FOR PULP PLANT AT PRINCE ALBERT

PRINCE ALBERT.—Possible construction of a pulp plant in the Prince Albert district by the Abitibi Power and Paper company is the subject of speculation following a survey of pulp and power resources by company engineers.

While there has been no definite indication the company is prepared to take immediate action, W. D. Sandborn, chief electrical engineer for Abitibi, and J. G. Mathews, chief forester, both expressed themselves as being "favorably impressed" with possibilities in the district.

Further developments and a more extensive survey will depend on reports made by Mr. Mathews and Mr. Sandborn to Douglas Ambrose, company president in Toronto, it was learned.



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## Western Canada Farmers Preparing For Worst Grasshopper Invasion In History Of Agriculture

By Central Press Canadian  
SASKATOON, Saskatchewan.—Prairie farmers and government entomologists are marshalling their forces and preparing weapons to ward off what is expected to be one of the worst grasshopper invasions in the history of western agriculture.

While Saskatchewan is expected to bear the brunt of the attack, several thousand square miles of Alberta and Manitoba farmland will be swept by the enemy.

According to a survey last fall, infested districts in Saskatchewan will consist of a large area south of a line running through Macklin, North Battleford and Prince Albert, and west of a line passing roughly through Rossmore, Wynyard, Semans, Indian Head, Midale and Estevan.

Manitoba faces the worst plague in 12 years. Preliminary tests suggest that 15 of the province's 120 municipalities will be affected. Heavy infestations are expected in eastern and southeastern Alberta.

### Damage In Millions

In 1948, millions of dollars in damage to western Canadian crops was wrought by the onslaught of grasshoppers. This year, the invasion will be resumed on a much larger scale and might even equal the plague of 1940 when hoppers caused almost \$9,000,000 in damage to western crops.

Warned by their early reconnaissance, agricultural authorities in all three provinces have launched an educational campaign instructing farmers on how to leave poison-baited trap strips in fallow fields. Warnings were issued not to sow infested stubble land but to fallow and trap strip it. The Saskatchewan government is supplying sodium arsenite poison and sawdust, with which the former is mixed, to municipalities, Manitoba and Alberta are following suit.

While sodium arsenite will be the major poison used this season, two new chemicals—chlorthane and chlorinated camphene—are expected to be widely employed in the anti-grasshopper war. Unlike sodium arsenite which is broadcast by machine or hand when mixed with bran or sawdust, these chemicals can be sprayed over vegetation where grasshoppers are feeding.

Application is possible with standard spray equipment already in use by western farmers. Boom and air blast 2-4-D weedkillers, sprayers, Buffalo turbine sprayers, airplanes, and

helicopters all may be used. Since aerial spraying can cover large areas in a short time, it is probable this method will also receive a trial.

Intensive research has shown that chlorthane and chlorinated camphene give a higher initial kill and have a period of effectiveness for one to three weeks. One pound of chlorthane should be sufficient to spray one acre. The recommended per-acre dosage for chlorinated camphene is one and one-half pounds. These products will be available to farmers in the form of emulsion concentrates.

On stubble fields where vegetation is short, sparse and dry and no longer attractive to the grasshopper appetite, poison bait has been found to be more effective and economical.

### Possible Dangers

Agricultural chemists familiar with the effect of the new chemicals warn that forage treated with them should not be fed to dairy animals. Nor should stockmen feed treated vegetation to animals being fattened for slaughter since the poisons may accumulate in the animals' fatty tissues and render the meat unfit for food. Another possibility is that the poison may be given off in milk and butter.

Neither chlorthane nor chlorinated camphene should be applied to fruits and leafy vegetables unless fruit or foliage to be eaten is first washed thoroughly. The insecticides should not be sprayed on legumes when in bloom or when bees are active in the field.

While some 10 destructive varieties of grasshoppers are known in Canada, three species are most common in the west; the melanoplus mexicanus, spretus, Camnula pellucida and melanoplus bivittatus. The first mentioned is commonly known as the stubble hopper and lays its eggs throughout stubble fields. Crops sown on these are almost impossible to save. The latter two species are often grouped together in the term roadside grasshoppers. They lay their eggs in grassy spots along roadsides and were responsible for many of the devastating attacks on western crops last year.

Eggs are deposited in clusters of 20 to 120, each egg mass being about one inch long and found one-half to one inch below the surface.

When hatched by the warm spring sun, eggs do not pass through the pupa stage common to most insects, but immediately develop into tiny

grasshoppers known as nymphs. By this time vegetation is green and juicy, offering excellent fodder for the voracious insects.

A swarm of nymphs can eat through a fresh stand of wheat with amazing speed, leaving behind a blackened ruin with only the odd stem dropping here and there in its final death throes. Adults are, no less hungry, finding ripening grain heads luscious fare.

Just how numerous hoppers can be may be gleaned from tests made in the prairies last year. Using a special catcher, field men "harvested" eight bushels of grasshoppers per acre in a normally infested field. Each bushel contained 200,000 insects. So great is their destructive power that an infestation of 20 grasshoppers per square yard on a 40-acre field can chew up one ton of alfalfa in one day.

### Canada's Birth Rate On Decline

OTTAWA.—Canada's birth rate fell to 26.4 per 1,000 population in the first half of 1948 from the high of 29.8 in the same 1947 period, the bureau of statistics announced.

The general mortality rate was slightly lower at 9.8 compared with 9.8, and the rate of natural increase fell from 20 to 16.8.

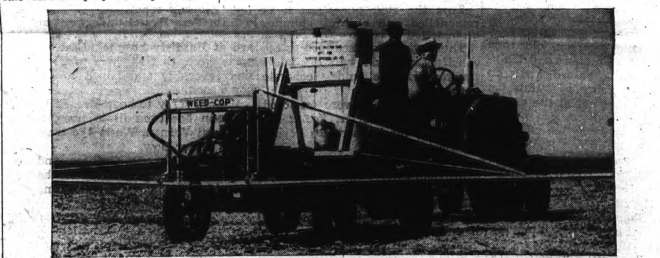
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Two new chemicals, chlorthane and chlorinated camphene, are expected to prove potent weapons against the grasshopper menace this year in the prairie provinces. These insecticides can be sprayed with 2-4-D weedkilling sprayers such as this. Planes and helicopters might also be used to cover large areas in a short time.



Desolation in the wake of a grasshopper invasion is shown here on a wheat field near Saskatoon. Blacked out area in the foreground shows what was left after nymphs (young hoppers) feasted on tender young grain last summer. Light portion in the background is a stand of wheat not yet touched by the winged invaders.



Many methods of spreading poison bait to halt the grasshopper invasion were used by desperate Saskatchewan farmers last year. Here an entire family is out broadcasting sodium arsenite on an infested field by hand. Pails, baby's bathtubs and shovels are used.—Central Press Canadian photos.



## OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY—

## 12 O'CLOCK AT MIDNIGHT

Could Any Man In His Right Mind Put Fortune Between Two Lovers?

I SUPPOSE it is absurd to talk about hunches, and yet I knew what was in that letter. As plainly as though I had read it. I knew its contents, and they were going to change the course of my whole life. The climax of my life was at hand. The time was approaching when I must make my choice.

I changed my clothes and washed. Then I went to the ice box and mixed a drink. The letter lay open on the table before me. As though drawn by a magnet my eyes kept staring at the envelope. It wasn't as if I did not know what was in the letter. It was like looking at something you fear. I thung myself into a chair. The clock said 10 p.m. Beads of perspiration formed on my forehead. I reached for the letter and tore it open.

"We take this opportunity of reminding you (it read) that your late Uncle James Biaby was desirous of keeping all his money solely within the family. His will clearly stipulates that unless you renounce your right to get married by twelve o'clock midnight on the last day of this year you will be disinherited."

I took the summons at doom the telephone rang. "Hello," my voice sounded hollow.

"Randy," said a dear, familiar voice. "It's almost time. Take the money and forget me."

"But, honey, you know I couldn't do that," I protested. In my heart, however, I did not feel certain. I don't want you to think that I stood in your way."

That was so like Ann, kind and considerate. Her beauty had been haunting my dreams for weeks now... as the time approached to make a choice between a fortune or marrying Ann. How could Uncle James have been such a contemptible old dot? How could any man in his right mind put a fortune between two lovers and their happiness? Desperately I told Ann we would get married anyway. But I did not sound very convincing.

The lawyer handling my Uncle's will was coming up at eleven for my final answer. I felt a warm exhilaration as I thought of the money; how I would be able to splash on the surf at Pa-godda; or listen to native music on the sun-drenched sands; or relaxing on the front deck of a yacht. More, I could even travel around the world, if I felt like it. What was love in comparison to all this? Yes, what was it? Had I better take the money after all?

My thoughts were rudely interrupted by the ringing of the door-bell. My uncle's lawyer, Mr. Babbitt, had arrived. He was slim, greying, and had a correct, efficient manner. I tried to draw him out on whether I should take the money or marry Ann; but "his interest," he replied, "was purely professional and he would never offer any advice on the matter."

"You also have been told," continued the lawyer, "that there is a codicil to your uncle's will, to the effect that if you decide to marry, the final disposition of the money is enclosed in a sealed envelope. This is not to be opened until one minute after the year."

"That old codger, anyway!" I exploded. "It seems to me that no matter what choice I make, the rest of my life will be spent regretting that I didn't do just the opposite."

"Well, your uncle wasn't exactly what you would call an eccentric. He was, however, somewhat of a philosopher. Being a self-made man he thought that money should be handed to people on a silver platter destroyed character. In one respect he is doing this because he knows that if you accept the money in the place of your one great love you probably will be so miserable after a few years that the money will be a curse to you. On the other hand if you marry the girl you will be far happier than anything money can buy."

Squirming I glanced at the clock. Ten minutes to twelve. The stillness startled me. I began to imagine \$500,000 heaped in the middle of the living room floor. It looked like a big pile. Then I saw Ann sitting beside it. She was young, beautiful.

Mr. Babbitt simply sat in his chair stolid and implacable, his professional appearance unflinching just as if he were handling a routine affair. The ticking of the clock seemed to fill the room. I could imagine it mocking me. It seemed almost human and filled with the wisdom of the ages. A felt like asking the clock for its advice. The stillness startled me. I began to imagine \$500,000 heaped in the middle of the living room floor. It looked like a big pile. Then I saw Ann sitting beside it. She was young, beautiful.

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exquisitely dressed, her hair was shining like a picture in a magazine. Then she was playing with the money, tossing it in the air; the money showered around the room like leaves in a windstorm. The clock ticked away like a piano during a melodrama. Then Ann produced a match, lighting the big stack of money. The flames roared toward the ceiling. I looked at the clock. It was almost twelve. I exploded: "Keep the damn money! ... Keep it! I'm taking Ann! I love you, Ann!"

Dimly I heard the clock toll twelve and the lawyer's voice. Started, it brought me back to normal and I felt a warm, peaceful glow; the tension had gone. At last I was free. Randy James I had been before my uncle's will. "Sorry, Mr. Babbitt, I guess things were just too much for me."

"That's all right, you have had a hard time of it. You did the right thing, lad! I'm proud of you. I am glad you decided to marry Ann. Forget the money. Now we can open the codicil and see who gets the money!" The lawyer pulled out a long impressive envelope from his inside pocket and ripped it open. Reading:

"To my nephew Randolph James: This was to be opened only in the event that you chose to marry. In the place of money. So I assume that you refused my money. I put you to this test, Randy, because Ann is the daughter of a girl I once loved. Ann is a deserving woman like her mother. If you had taken the money, certainly, you would not have been worthy of her love. Now that you have chosen to marry her I bestow my fortune to you just the same. May you both be happy."

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**SAYS TRUCK LOGGING APPLE PIE NOWADAYS**

VANCOUVER.—Albert F. Grant of Courtenay, B.C., considers truck logging today "a piece of apple pie with cheese" compared to the "old days."

Grant, who claims to be the first truck logger on Vancouver Island, now operates a fleet of six 30-ton trucks with his brother Bob.

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IT'S NICE TO BE AROUND YOU... YOU REMIND ME SO MUCH OF MY MOTHER! SHE ALWAYS REMEMBERED MY BIRTHDAYS!

I SUPPOSE NEXT HELL WANT ME TO ADOPT HIM!

PEGGY, WOULD YOU—WELL, WOULD YOU THINK AS—MUCH OF ME EVEN IF MY FATHER CHANGED HIS MIND ABOUT BUYING ME THAT NEW CONVERTIBLE?

OH, H, SANDY! WHAT?

HE—HASN'T CHANGED HIS MIND, HAS HE?

WELL, OF COURSE I'D STILL THINK AS MUCH OF YOU, SANDY, MY SILLY THING!



**MOUNT NORQUAY CHAIRLIFT**—Winter or summer, visitors to Banff National Park get a "new look" at the beauties of this great Rocky Mountain playground. The new chairlift, recently opened by the Honourable James A. MacKinnon, Minister of Mines and Resources, takes skiers in winter and visitors in summer for a distance of 3,250 feet up the slopes of Mount Norquay to a height of 6,850 feet. The lift, which is the first to be constructed in the Canadian Rockies, has 59 chairs and was built by private enterprise at an estimated cost of \$135,000. Right now the winter traffic on the lift is heavy and summer use is expected to exceed it.

## Western Briefs

**INSECT CONTROL STATION**  
HUDSON BAY, Sask.—Possibility of a district headquarters engaged in research of control of forest insects being located in Hudson Bay was foreseen in a letter received by town council from the Dominion department of agriculture. The letter indicated the department was anxious to erect summer living quarters for a party of rangers who would patrol surrounding areas in search of outbreaks of dangerous insects.

**REBELLION VETERAN DIES**  
CALGARY.—Alexander Wrynham, 88, a former member of the famous Royal Northwest Mounted Police and a veteran of the Riel Rebellion of 1885, died in a Calgary hospital. He was a native of Carlsbad, Alta.

**PAYING TAXES EARLY**  
NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.—Advance tax payments for 1949 are the best in years. Pre-payment last month totalled \$215,000, \$45,000 more than a year ago. This is approximately 25 per cent of the annual taxes, based on last year's rates.

**PLAN CELEBRATION**  
NANAIMO, B.C.—Four-day celebration May 21-25 will be called "Nanaimo's Jubilee". A steering committee also chose a slogan for the event: "One Hundred Years of Coal and 75 Years of Incorporation."

**DEATH TOLL 86**  
REGINA.—Eighty-six persons were killed and 2,166 injured in traffic accidents in Saskatchewan in 1948. Death figure is the highest since 1938.

**ALL-TIME HIGH GRANT**  
WINNIPEG.—An all-time high grant of \$900,000 for the fiscal year beginning April 1 may be made to the University of Manitoba by the Manitoba Government. Last year's grant was \$542,500.

**Too Cold For Stogwatches**  
BUTTE, Mont.—30 below zero temperature forced postponement of a skating contest. The skiers were willing to go, but judges couldn't make their stopwatches work in the congealing cold.

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## Dominion Did Well From U.S. Tourists

OTTAWA.—Canada came out of the 1948 tourist season with the biggest credit on record as United States visitors spent more in the Dominion than ever before while austerity-restricted Canadian spending in the U.S. dropped sharply.

Canadian Bureau of Statistics set American tourist expenditures at \$270,000,000 on the basis of preliminary figures, exceeding the \$241,000,000 of 1947, highest previous year.

Canadian spending south of the border on similar trips dropped to \$112,000,000 from \$130,000,000 in 1946 and \$122,000,000 in 1947.

The result was a net credit for Canada of \$158,000,000 described by the review as "an appreciable factor in the improvement of our dollar position."

Only in 1929 and 1930 had the credit reached the \$100,000,000 mark and last year's figure was double the \$78,000,000 average for last 25 years. The credits accruing to Canada during 1946 and 1947 amounted to \$86,000,000 and \$90,000,000 respectively.

The review noted that the chief reason for the drop in Canadian spending was the \$150 limit on the amount available for visitors to the U.S. and the suspension—now removed—of the customs regulation allowing Canadians to bring home \$100 worth of goods duty-free.

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